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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

Art:

As you requested here is some background information for use at your luncheon with [] R. J. Smith tomorrow.

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[] came to NPIC in July 1968 and is planning to retire on 30 June this year, thereby completing a two-year tour with the Center. He is 47 years old. He had two tours in intelligence prior to assignment here - one at Arlington Hall as an intelligence officer specializing in Latin American affairs in the 1962-1964 period and a tour at Fort Richie just prior to his assignment at NPIC. He has a B.S. degree from Louisiana State University and has been in the Army since 1943. His early years in the Army were in artillery. He had a four year break in service from 1947-1951.

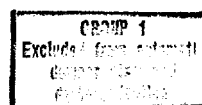
[] since his assignment in NPIC has been the Deputy Chief of the Imagery Exploitation Group. This Group, which is the heart of the PI substantive effort within NPIC, has 431 aboard of whom 116 are DIA and 315 are CIA. IEG consists of six Divisions, four of which are substantive PI Divisions manned on 50-50 basis by CIA and DIA personnel, a Photogrammetry Division and an Operations Division. In addition, he is the administrative head of the DIA military and civilian people assigned to NPIC. He is a true working deputy in that he acts for the Chief of IEG in his absence, he sits in all senior staff meetings and is a full participant in NPIC senior management and policy deliberations.

[] has been in the Air Force for 28 years with primary assignments in SAC elements. He is 48 years old. Nine years of his experience with the Air Force has been as a targeting and intelligence officer. He has been the Chief of the Target and Intelligence Division at Headquarters, 8th Air Force, Westover, Mass., served in the Intelligence Target Division at Headquarters USEUCOM and is currently the Wing Director of Intelligence of an Air Force unit stationed in Thailand. He is scheduled to report to NPIC in October. He has never had an assignment in Washington, D. C.

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The proposal for [] would be to extend [] until his mandatory retirement date in 1972. This would be advantageous to NPIC in that it would retain his valuable services in a sensitive position without a four month hiatus in which the Deputy Director position would be vacant. [] could be assigned as the Deputy Chief, IEG, as [] replacement learning the internal workings of NPIC and becoming familiar with the COMIREX mechanism. We have no knowledge or notification of anyone under consideration as [] replacement at this time.

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